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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is an International Preliminary Report on Patentability and an English Translation of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority for the above-identified application.

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